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1. The Kirov Hand Grenade Factory is located about three kilometers southeast of Krasnouralsk, with which it is connected by a branch railway line. Parallel to the branch line there is a road with a firm but unpaved surface. 25X1 25X1 the factory was built in 1945.

2. The factory manufactured and filled egg-shaped hand grenades. 25X1 the grenades were filled with TNT. Detonators and fuse igniters were not made in the factory. The grenades weighed about 450 grams; the charges weighed about 150 grams; and the walls were 75 centimeters thick. 25X1

3. Captain Belimgolov was the director of the factory, which employed 700 workers, most of whom were Soviet convicts although there were a few German PWs. The factory operated in two shifts.

4. Raw materials were delivered by rail from Krasnouralsk 25X1 Every two days about 250 cases, each containing 25 grenades, were dispatched by rail to an unknown destination.

5. The factory is surrounded by a barbed wire fence about two meters high. There are no watchtowers, although there are MVD guards inside the factory. Sentries are posted at the gate and at the explosives storehouse; they also patrol the factories intermittently. Workers are subject to search before and after work. Rubber boots are worn by workers for certain work. Smoking is strictly prohibited.

6. To the southwest of the factory there is a large birch wood and there is a smaller one to the northeast.

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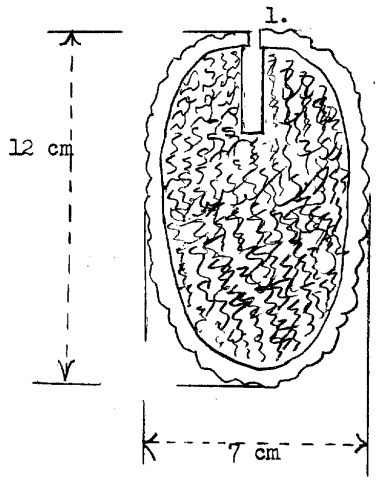
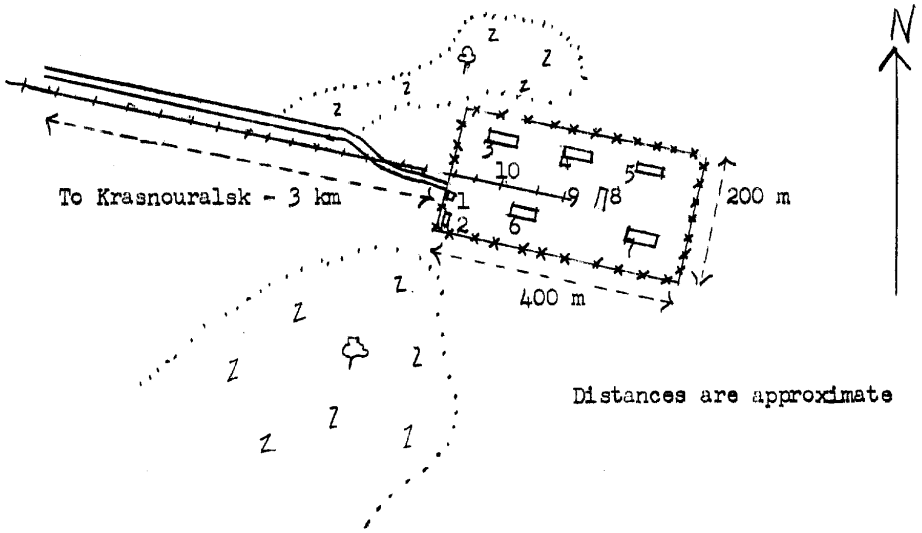
Sketch 1 -Longitudinal Section of Hand Grenade



1. Thread for detonator and fuse igniter

Sketch 2 - Layout of Kirov Hand Grenade Factory, Krasnouralsk



Distances are approximate

Legend to Sketch 2

1. Wooden hut occupied by about 12 MVD guards
2. Brick administration building with two rows of windows.
3-4. Brick sheds, each 40 to 50 m long x 20 to 25 m wide, in which hand grenades are manufactured.
5. Brick shed of same dimensions as 3 and 4 in which grenades are filled.
6-7. Empty sheds of similar dimensions, probably to be used to increase output.
8. Brick building about 30 m long x 10 to 12 m wide. The southern part is empty. The northern part contains the explosives storehouse, always guarded by two sentries. Explosives were taken two to three times daily to shed "5" in small rubber wagons.
9. Factory branch railway line from Krasnouralsk.
10. Small railway station equipped with ramps and shunting lines.

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